

## 1. CHECKING IN

The Race Office will be open at Craobh Marina from Saturday morning. In order to avoid the congestion that could build up later, Skippers, or their representatives, are encouraged to visit as early as possible to check any changes to Sailing Instructions, amendments to List of Entries and Class splits (if necessary, an updated version will be provided), record any crew changes, and collect 'yacht packs' etc.

## 2. BERTHING

### 2.1 GENERAL

To maintain good relationships with other harbour users, and to ensure the smooth running of the event, yachts shall not moor alongside private vessels, nor pick up private moorings, without the owner's consent. See also local restrictions included in the following paragraphs.

### 2.2 GIGHA

The Gigha Trust has improved visitor facilities in Ardminish Bay including new pontoons at the end of a fixed jetty, with toilets and showers at the jetty head and in the hotel.

- a. Moorings: 22 mooring available all £15 per day.
- b. Pontoons space between 2.2 and 2.7m depth at MLWS; no power or Wi-Fi. £20 overnight

VHF Ch 14 (not 24hrs); [www.gigha.org.uk](http://www.gigha.org.uk)

### 2.3 CRAOBH

Craobh Haven Marina generally has the capacity for the WHYW fleet, however some rafting may be necessary on instruction from the marina office. Competitors will receive a discount on the published rates for the Saturday and Sunday nights; electricity remains at published rate. Car parking Free of Charge. Toilets and showers included in berthing fee. Telephone: 01852 500222; VHF Ch 80; [www.craobhmarina.co.uk](http://www.craobhmarina.co.uk)

### 2.4 OBAN

#### 2.4.1 Oban Bay - General

Competitors should be aware of the "Code for Safe Navigation in and around Oban Bay" (available on [www.obanharbour.scot](http://www.obanharbour.scot)), which has very recently changed. In summary, the North and South entrances to Oban Bay are deemed to be "Narrow Channels" (IRPC Rule 9). All vessels operating in the Bay should listen on VHF Ch 16 and 12 for shipping traffic. A new Large Vessel or Deep Water Channel will be in operation by the start of WHYW – see information provided in the 'yacht pack'. Yachts shall respect the requirements of Oban Bay Community Berthing by not anchoring amongst the moored yachts off Oban Sailing Club (OSC).

#### 2.4.2 Oban Bay Community Berthing

16 visitor moorings available on a first come basis, £15 per night, rated for 15T and are sized according to the row distance from the shore. The inner row is 6 x 10m moorings, the middle row is 5 x 12m, and the outer row is 5 x 14m. See [www.obanbayberthing.co.uk](http://www.obanbayberthing.co.uk). A half hour use of the landing stage pontoon for loading is included in the mooring fee along with tender tie-up, and the use of the Oban Sailing Club showers and toilets is available when the Club is open before and after racing. Water is available at the pontoon hose reel. There is no overnight alongside berthing permitted at the landing stage.

#### 2.4.3 Oban Sailing Club

Showers and bar open after racing whilst the fleet is in Oban. On final night, Club closes at 19.30hrs. To comply with the licensing laws, all bona fide competitors will be made temporary members of OSC for the duration of the Week. However, owners/skippers should note that this temporary membership does not constitute compliance with RRS 75.1 (Entering a Race).

#### 2.4.4 Oban Marina

It is noted that this facility is under new ownership and management as of 2017. Berths or swinging moorings (subject to availability) available to competitors. Electricity supplied via a card meter available from the marina office. Toilets and showers (coin operated). Water taxi available. Telephone: 01631 565333; VHF Ch 80; [www.obanmarina.com](http://www.obanmarina.com)

#### 2.4.5 Oban Transit Marina

It is hoped that the new short stay marina pontoons should be in operation to the north of the North Pier at the time of the event. The transit marina is expected to have 37 pontoon spaces, plus breakwater space depending on conditions.

## 2.4.6 Dunstaffnage Marina

Competitors will receive a 15% discount on published rates, and this discount rate will apply for one week prior, the Event week, and one week after the Event to allow for boat positioning, as long as the Event entry is confirmed at time of booking. (Electricity is not discounted). Car parking is free of charge for one car only and will require the competitor to register at the marina shop with their WHYW Sailing Instructions. Toilets and showers included in berthing fee. Telephone: 01631 566555; VHF Ch 37; [www.dunstaffnagemarina.co.uk](http://www.dunstaffnagemarina.co.uk)

Transport: a regular bus service operated by West Coast Motors will run during WHYW between Oban (Sailing Club, Rail Station, North Pier) and Dunstaffnage Marina.

## 2.5 TOBERMORY

### 2.5.1 Mooring in Tobermory Bay

Available on a first come basis. Competitors are required to keep the fairways leading to all piers and pontoons clear, not to use private moorings (without the owner's or berthing master's agreement) nor attach lines to navigation marks, and to follow the instructions of the berthing master who may be on station in his launch to assist (07917 832497; VHF Ch 16/12). There are 3 options:

- a. Pontoons: 48 – 56 berths, no rafting permitted. £2.50 per metre
- b. Moorings: 34 visitors moorings available, rafting permitted within weight at own risk, £16 with cost shared between users. If conditions demand, rafting numbers may be restricted. Please do not use private moorings without being directed to do so by the berthing master.
- c. Anchoring: designated area recently swept and believed clear of obstructions, £0.

### 2.5.2 Toilets and showers

Available in the Tobermory Harbour Association (THA) building at the head of the pontoon, open from 0700 to 2100 (may be extended to 24hrs during WHYW). Coins required for showers. THA telephone: 01688 302876, 07917 832497; [www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk](http://www.tobermoryharbour.co.uk)

### 2.5.3 Water taxi

RIB water taxi service operated by a licensed commercial operator may be available; call 07900 607451 or contact "Tobermory Water Taxi" on VHF Ch 08.

## 3 CANAL TRANSIT CHARGES

Scottish Canals are offering a prize of the passage back from Crinan into the Clyde for the winner of the Clyde feeder race. Note: to benefit from this prize competitors should not pre-pay the return passage due to difficulties in providing a refund to the prize winner. Furthermore, they have offered a 10% discount for all WHYW competitors passing each way through the Crinan Canal. There may also be a discount available for the Caledonian Canal. When booking identify yourself as a WHYW competitor. Competitors may be interested in participating in the Clyde Cruising Club Tobermory Race on 17 July (see [www.clyde.org](http://www.clyde.org)), benefitting from competitors' discounts for a Crinan Canal transit licence, and then leaving their yachts in the Oban area until WHYW. Alternatively, if rounding the Mull, the Gigha Trust offers a useful stopover and a warm welcome with moorings in Ardmish Bay (see above).

Assisted Passage: As Scottish Canals no longer operate their assisted passage scheme, competitors might wish to contact The Yot Spot who offer a service of assisted passage through the Crinan Canal. Details on their website <http://www.theyotspot.com> or to call to book on 01546 602777.

## 4 DISCIPLINE

The particular attention of ALL competitors is drawn to RRS 69 which will be vigorously enforced.

## 5 ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

In the interests of public safety and the reputation of the sport, all competitors are reminded that they must respect the various Bye-laws relating to the consumption of alcohol out of doors, and the legislation relating to smoking, which may differ from those in other parts of the UK.

## 6 CAUTIONS

Shuna Sound: Competitors should avoid the fish farming activities off the west shore of Shuna.

Fish Tracking Buoys – various arrays of fish tracking buoys are still operating. Please keep a lookout and avoid.